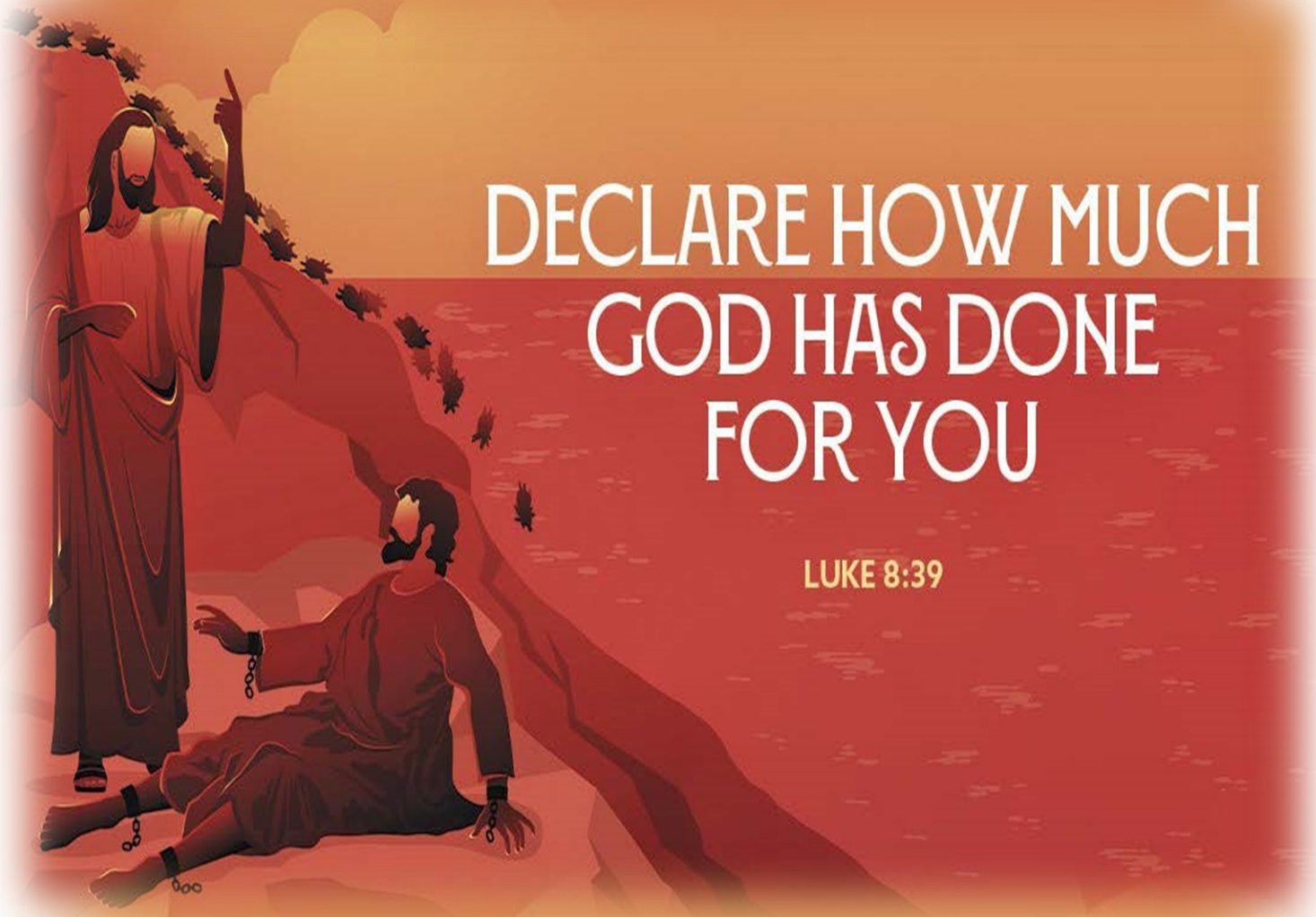


Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
June 22, 2025 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

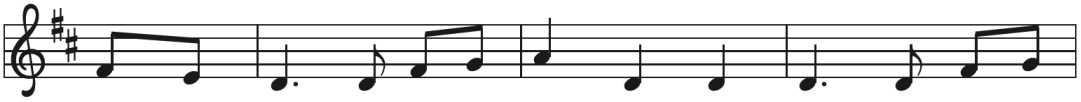
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

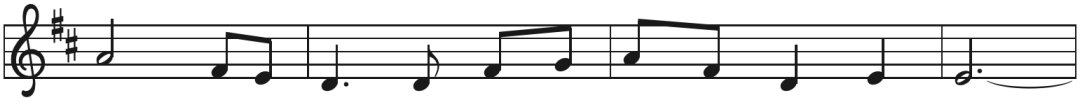
P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ACS 1038

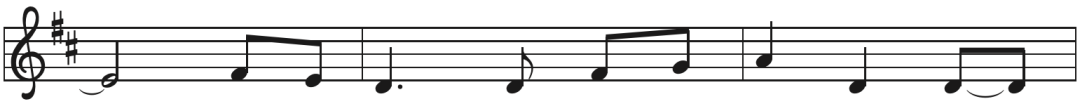
"God, We Gather As Your People"



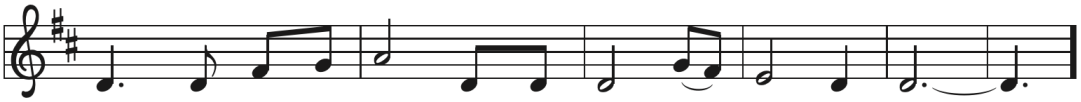
1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

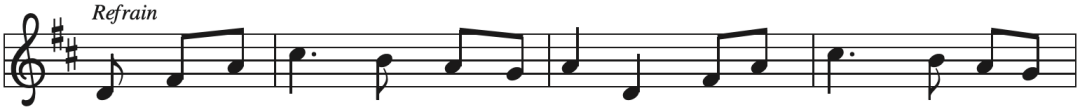


Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they

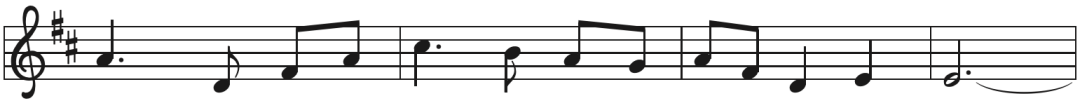


trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

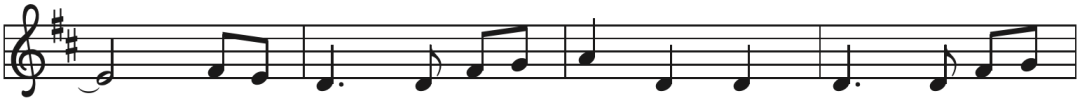
Refrain



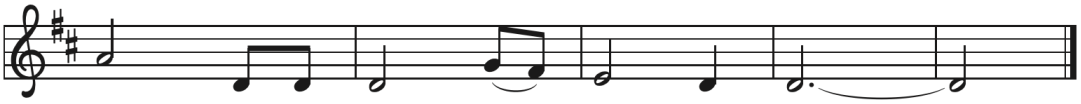
Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

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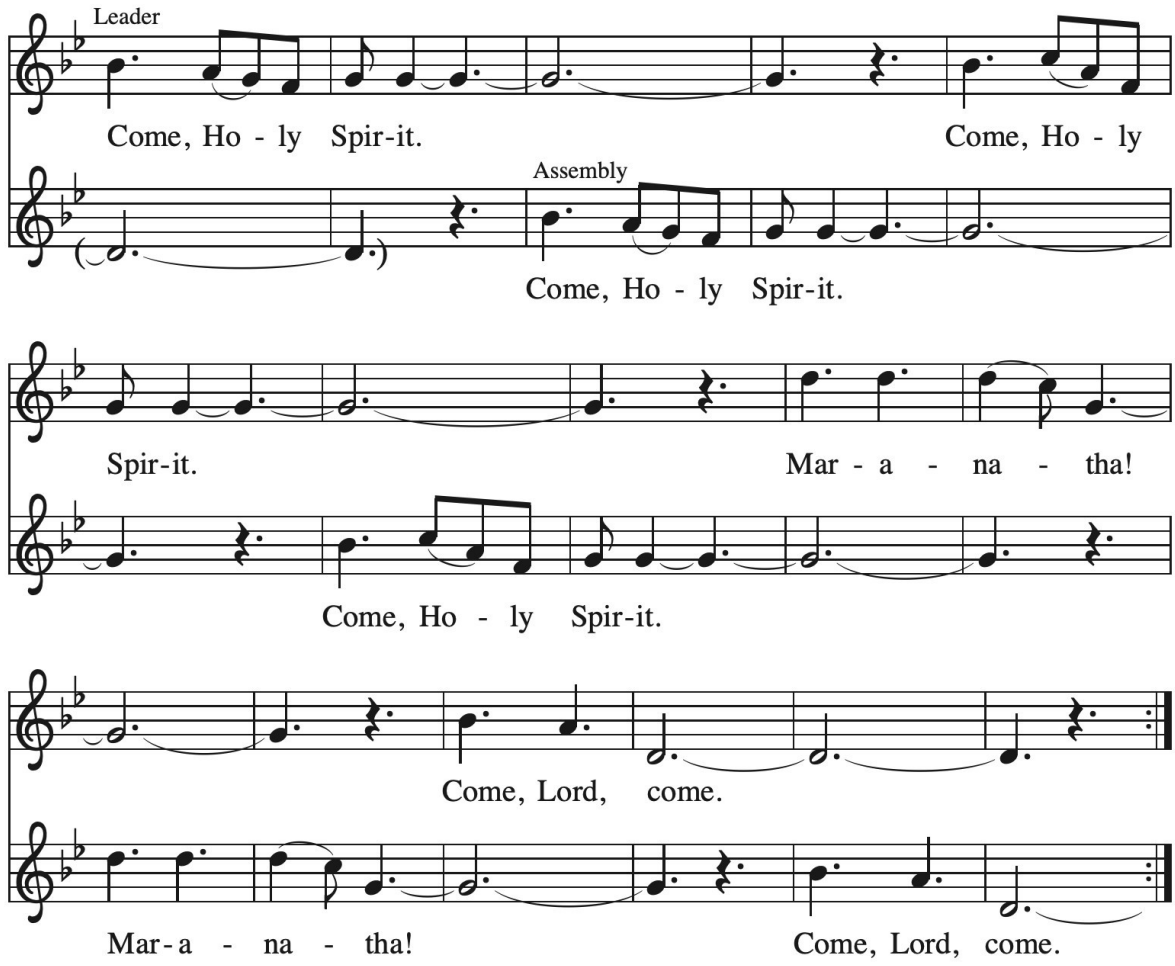
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE *Come, Holy Spirit* ELW/ACS 940



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

A: A reading from Isaiah.

1 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.
2 I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;
3 a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;
4 who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places;
who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
5 who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.
6 See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps
7 their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.
8 Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all.
9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

P: [19] But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.
C: [20] Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
P: [21] Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
C: [22] I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
P: [23] You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
C: [24] For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
P: [25] From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
C: [26] The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
P: [27] All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
C: [28] For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

A: A reading from Galatians.

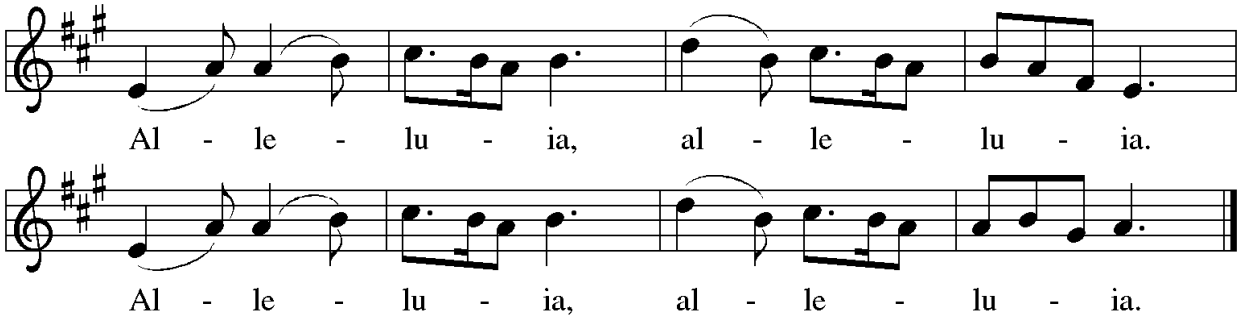
[23] Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. [24] Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. [25] But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, [26] for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. [27] As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. [28] There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no

longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. [29] And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[26] Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. [27] As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. [28] When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," [29] for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) [30] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. [31] They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

[32] Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons

begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. [33] Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

[34] When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. [35] Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. [36] Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. [37] Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. [38] The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, [39] "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

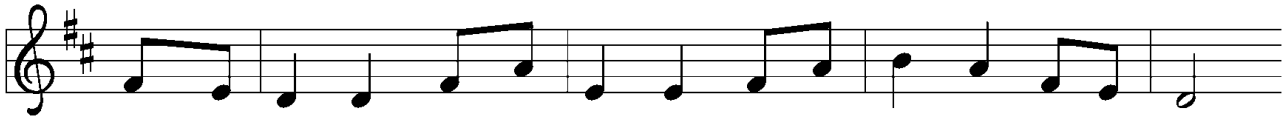
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

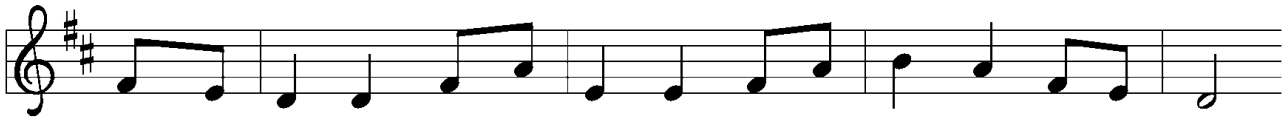
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 843

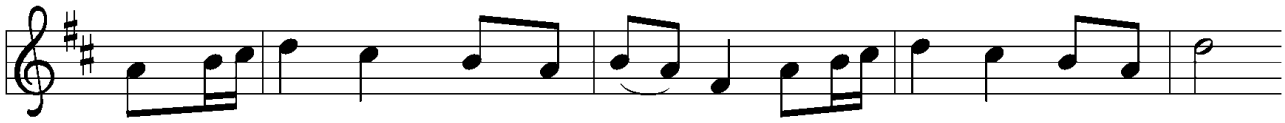
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



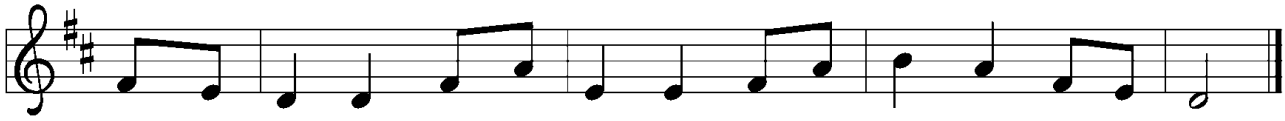
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car-nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis-ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick especially John, Mary, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, Dawn, Gary, Cheryl, Elizabeth, the friends and family of Don and of Jim. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

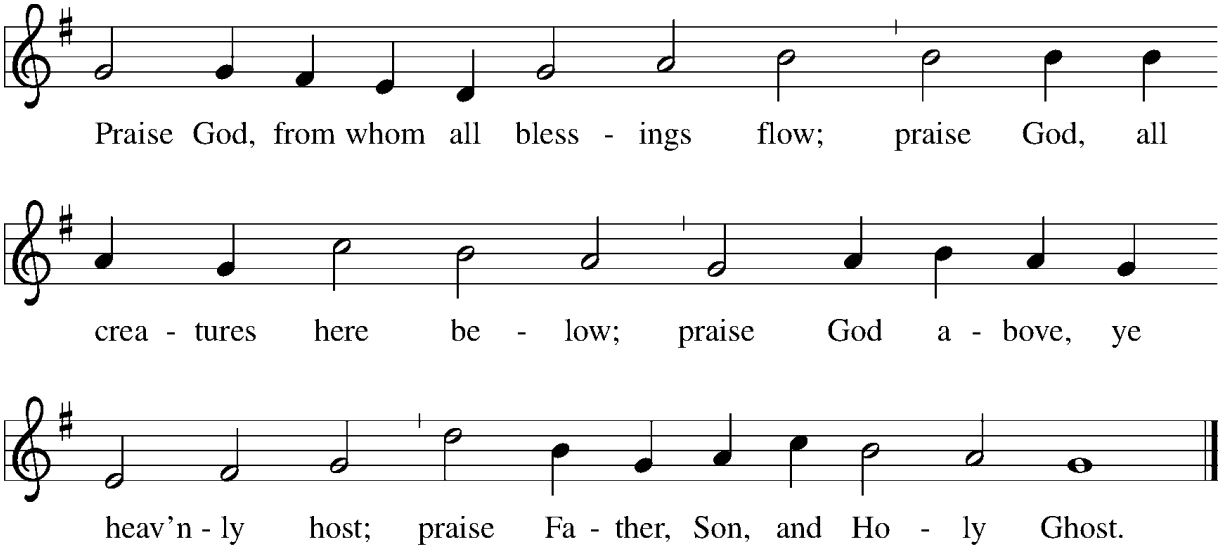
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table
with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

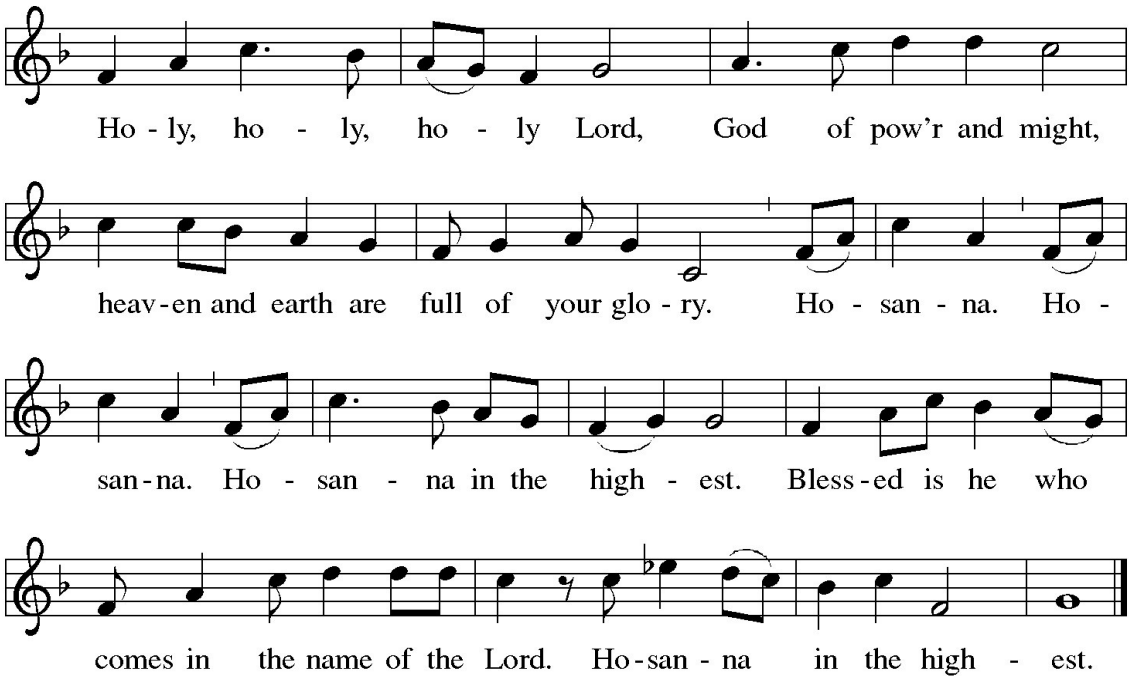
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! Before all that is, you were God. Outside all we know, you are God. After all is finished, you will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, angels teach us their song, saints pull us into your presence. And this is our song:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
You beyond the galaxies, you under the oceans, you inside the leaves,
you pouring down rain, you opening the flowers, you feeding the insects,
you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters,
you holding us in the night; your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
your hand with Moses and Miriam, your words through Deborah and Isaiah;
you lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising,
inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son, his life with the humble, his death among the wretched, his resurrection for us all: Your wisdom our guide, your justice our strength, your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy: **Mercy!**
And so we cry, Glory: **Glory!**
And so we cry, Blessing: **Blessing!**

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit: Enliven this bread, awaken this body,
pour us out for each other. Transfigure our minds, ignite your church,
nourish the life of the earth. Make us, while many, united,
make us, though broken, whole, make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit!**
And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit!**
And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
our Table, our Food, our Server, our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine, our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
our Way, our Truth, our Life. You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.

And so we cry, Amen, amen: **Amen, amen!**

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

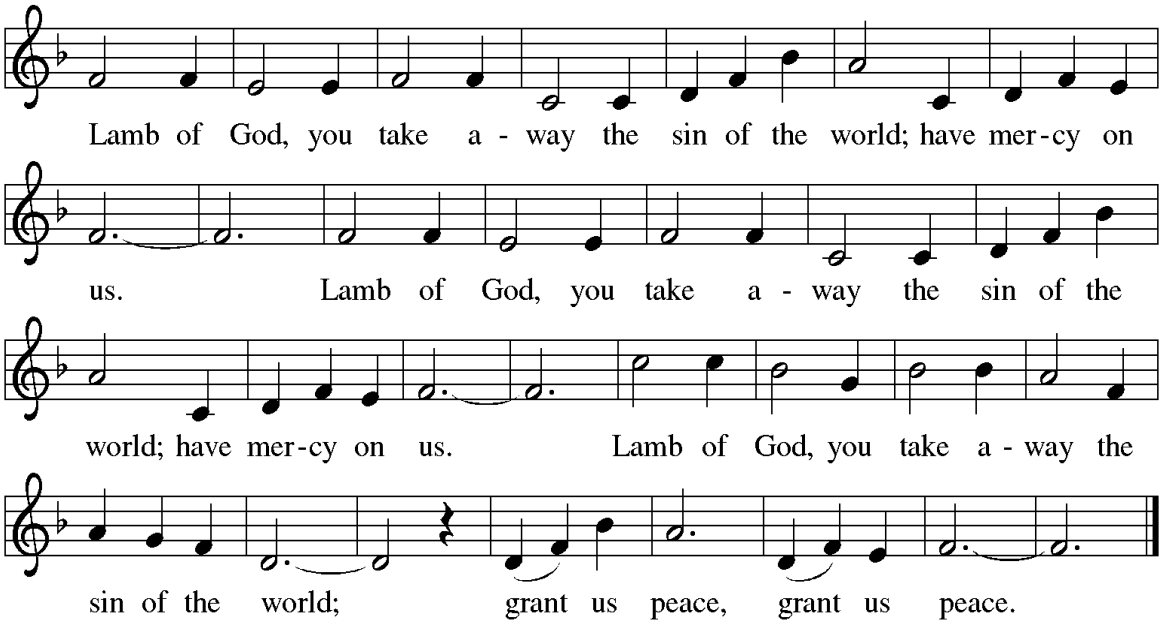
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

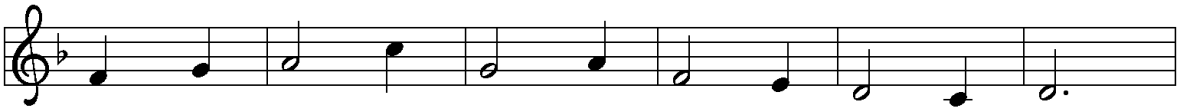
LAMB OF GOD



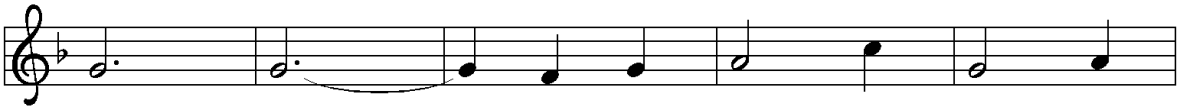
COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 798

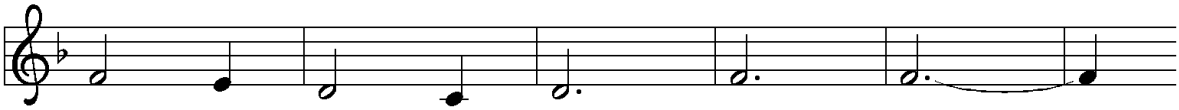
"Will You Come and Follow Me"



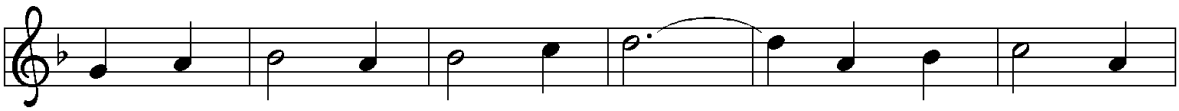
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



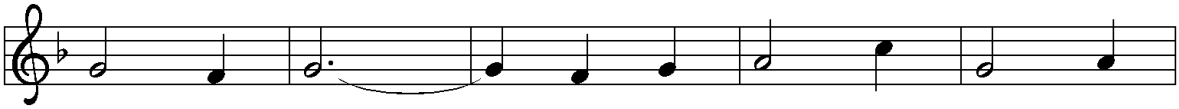
your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



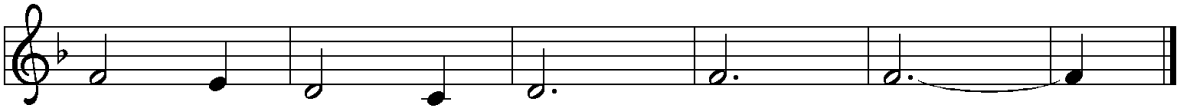
know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

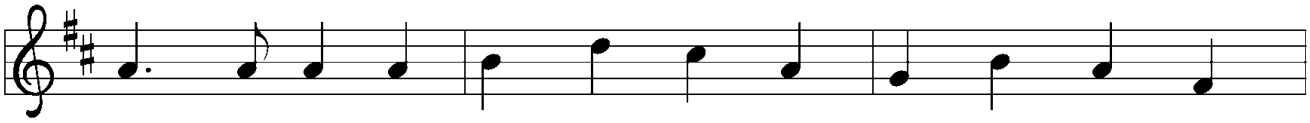
BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

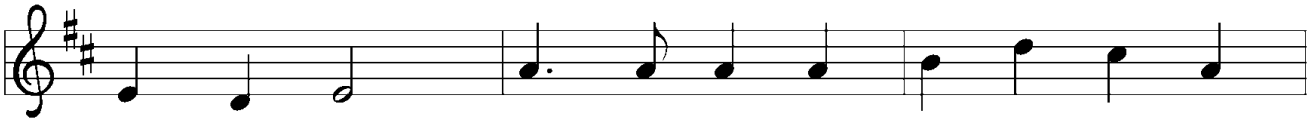
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 845

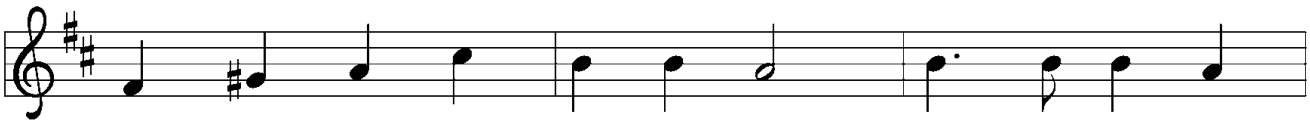
"Voices Raised to You"



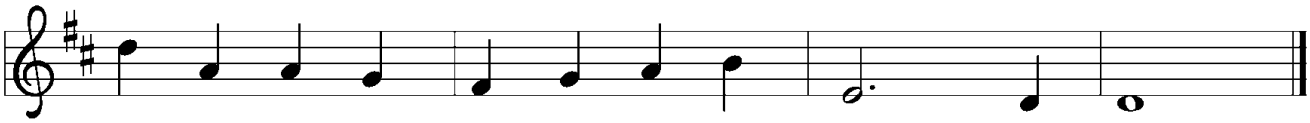
1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Congregation Coffee-hour Conversations, June 22 and June 29

Please join us for these back to back conversations about Emmanuel's core values, our sense of mission for this time and place, as well as our vision for ministry looking into the future. The transition team will sponsor and lead these conversations. We are looking for your input and want you as dialog partners. If you are able to contribute to our expanded refreshments for these events, we would appreciate it!

Emmanuel Directory

Please see Linda Wilber after service for your copy of the 2025 Emmanuel Directory. Thank you.

History in Maps:

The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine.

Schedule for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start July 13th at 11:30 AM, following church services, in the lounge.

There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

Refresh Committee Change
The Refresh Committee will be going back to meeting/working on Tuesdays 11:30am – 1:00pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dee Fleszar.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
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Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, June 22 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, June 24

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 25

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, June 26

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am

Friday, June 27

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, June 29 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our birthdays and the many blessed years we have shared. Given by Fred and Celeste Hoitash

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

Prayers requested for: John, Mary, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, Dawn, Gary, Cheryl, Elizabeth, the friends and family of Don and of Jim.

Links:

Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

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Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
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